

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0048] with the following amended paragraph:

[0048] Referring to FIG. 8 ~~FIG. 8A~~ the same adjustable loading force 20 is acting on the tension wedge 21. In addition it shows the up-stream tension 30 in the upstream strand 3 with its resulting strand tension 31. It should be realized that the value of the strand tension 31 is larger than the value of the up-stream tension 30 due to the frictional forces added during the passing of the strand 5 around the movable disk 10. ~~The force reduction 32 demonstrates how the adjustable loading force 20 is reduced by the value of the strand tension 31. The resultant force diagram 33 shows the reduced loading force 34 with a reduced normal force 35 and a reduced compression force 36 as compared to FIG. 7, which will add less tension to the strand 5. It may be noted that the relative small influence of the up-stream tension 30 on the resultant force diagram 33 has been disregarded for reason of simplification.~~

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0048]:

[0048.1] FIG. 8B shows the force triangle of the adjustable loading force 20 with force angle 27, resulting in a compensation force 25.

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0048.1]:

[0048.2] As shown in FIG. 8C, the force reduction 32 is accomplished by the adjustable loading force 20 which is reduced by the component of the strand tension 31.

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0048.2]:

[0048.3] FIG. 8D demonstrates through the resultant force diagram 33 how the reduced loading force 34 results in a reduced normal force 35 with the consequence of a reduced compression force 36.

Please replace paragraph [0052] with the following amended paragraph:

[0052] The tension controller 1 in ~~FIG. 12~~ FIG. 12A achieves the same force characteristics as shown in ~~FIGS. 6 to 8A-D~~ with pivotal levers 52. Each pivotal lever 52 is pivotally mounted on the stationary surface 22 on one side and on the movable disk 10 on the other side. ~~The same force diagram 29 applies to this system.~~

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0052]:

[0052.1] FIG. 12B demonstrates that the same force diagram 29 as in FIG. 8B applies also to this system.